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THE CIRCLE RECEPTION

VISIT OF SUPREME GUARDIAN AND STATE SUPREME OFFICERS MARKS GREATEST EVENT FOR CARLSBAD WOODMEN'S CIRCLE.

INTERESTING PROGRAM RENDERED

SPEECH OF WELCOME BY JUDGE GRANTHAM AND RESPONSE BY THE SUPREME GUARDIAN STATE MANAGER AND OTHERS.

The reception and banquet given at the I. O. O. F. hall Friday evening, by the Woodmen Circle, was a success from start to finish. The drill team met the guests and marched to music, escorting the ladies to their chairs. The entire assembly cheered and standing, gave supreme honors and grand honors. Rev. E. J. Barb offered an invocation. Music, piano solo, by Miss Jim Penny. In the welcome address given by Judge Granttham, reference was made to the wonderful things Mrs. Manchester had achieved for the good of the Circle, as supreme guardian, and the wonderful progress this Circle was making.

Mrs. Julia A. Sharp, state manager, responded, thanking the Circle and the Judge for the warm welcome they had received.

Mrs. Jos. C. Bunch gave a solo that was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, in her address, spoke highly of the Circle, and in her talk stated that in her travels over the United States and Europe she had found on her first visit through New Mexico as wonderful scenery and items of interest as in any other state. She has been supreme guardian for the past seven years and at that time the Circle numbered about 5,000 and today they have about 175,000 members. She is also a member of the Woodman of the World, and can boast of being the only woman belonging to that order. Sovereign J. C. Root making her a member.

The duet by Miss H. Vaughn and Mrs. Jos. C. Bunch was very pleasing to the audience.

Our grand guardian, Mrs. Merrifield, was loud in her praise of the growth of the Circle and of the favored guests.

Norma Toffelmire presented the supreme guardian with a bouquet of carnations tied with the Circle's colors and words of welcome in rhyme that were very appropriate, to which Mrs. Emma B. Manchester responded, kissing the donor and praising the flowers.

The Bunch orchestra is the best in the state and are always ready to respond and are appreciated.

Miss Grace Daugherty responded with one of her pleasant and well rendered solos.

Mrs. Isabelle Powell, of Houston, district manager and supreme delegate from Texas, spoke in pleasing terms of New Mexico and said when Mr. Merrifield was in Texas and so frequently spoke of sunny New Mexico she thought she must be exaggerating, but now since she had toured the state, she was convinced that the grand guardian was correct.

The male quartet, Messrs. Barb, Chilcoat, Halbert and Armstrong, was one very pleasing feature of the evening. They sang the "Frog song" and were encored until they sang "Good Night, Ladies".

The decorations of the hall in the Circle colors, green and lavender, were well arranged, both in the hall and in the dining room. The committee on decorations and refreshments need to be praised for plates were laid for over 200 guests and a two-course luncheon of chicken sandwiches, coffee wafers, ice cream and cake was served and they had enough for all and some to spare. Twenty-five more people could have been served.

The next meeting will be first Monday in December and new officers will be elected for the coming year. New applications for membership are being handed in, and many more are asked for during this dispensation.

CLASS MEETING.

Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. Lauer the young ladies classes of the M. E. Sunday school met and discussed methods of raising a fund to pay for the building at the Methodist church. They decided to have a basket supper in the new building Friday night week. Work on the new building is progressing nicely. They are siding up the exterior the work being done by any one that can contribute a day or more. The interior of the building will be finished with paper and paint and will be a good investment when furnished, for the Sunday school is growing in numbers every month, and the room is really a necessity.

Walter Fendleton sold a five passenger Overland to Will Merchant last Tuesday.

JERSEY FARM IS SCENE OF AWFUL TRAGEDY.

Entire Family Killed. Polish Farm Hand Credited With Deed. One Victim Slaughtered While Kneeling in Prayer.

New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 28.—Six persons were found shot to death in a farm house on a country road three miles south of here tonight. Five of them had been murdered, while the sixth apparently committed suicide after shooting the others.

A farmer and his family were killed while two farm hands, apparently foreigners, also were shot to death. One of the employees, according to the authorities, did the shooting while the others were asleep last Tuesday night, and then killed himself.

Crime Committed Tuesday.

That the murders were committed Tuesday night and were not disclosed until tonight was due to the remoteness of the Weitzmann farm house.

Weitzmann, a prosperous farmer, had been accustomed to deliver milk daily in New Brunswick. None having been delivered since last Tuesday morning, an investigation of the lapse today resulted in the discovery that the whole family had been murdered.

Weitzmann and his wife had been shot in the head, apparently while they slept. In another bedroom was found the body of Mrs. Kigner who also had been shot in the head while she slept. In still another room were the bodies of three men—the two farm hands and Kigner.

One of the farm hands had died while he evidently was kneeling in prayer on his bed. He was shot in the back of the head. On the floor lay the body of Kigner.

In another bed was the body of the other farm hand who, the investigators believed, did all the shooting. In his right hand was a revolver. This man had been employed by Weitzmann only one month and the motive for the murders and suicide is unknown to the authorities.

WEDDING BELLS.

Thursday evening at 8:30 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. H. Dilly, occurred a marriage that united two of the favorite young people of Carlsbad when Miss Kate Harkless and Mr. Will A. Craig, joined their fortunes for life. The wedding was a very quiet one, only H. H. Dilly, wife and daughter, Wells Benson and family and Holly Benson and wife being present. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Houston W. Lowry, of the Presbyterian church.

The bride wore a gown of silk chiffon taffeta and the bridegroom wore the conventional black. They have been here for a number of years, and are well and favorably known. Will has been connected as assistant cashier of the First National Bank for about ten years.

The young couple will make their home in Carlsbad, where they have many good friends and good wishes by the score, and the Current joins the number in wishing them a happy married life.

BAD COLLISION.

Last Saturday night during the wind storm a serious collision of autos occurred in La Barta in front of the Zimmerman residence, when Elsworth James collided with A. G. McHenry, of Roswell. The dust and sand was blowing and Elsworth happened to be on the left of the road and could not see the other car, until almost on it, then both cars swerved a little to prevent accident but met, all the same, twisting the axles, breaking the lamps on one side and doing much damage though no one was injured. The Roswell car was occupied by Messrs. McHenry, E. W. Ewing, Ben Wetmore and Mrs. Hyatt and daughter, all of whom took the night train for home. The cars were brought to the Ohnemus garage and the Roswell car was run home Tuesday, by the owner who came down after it.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Eddy Grove Camp, W. O. W., last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year and will be installed the first meeting in January: Jno. W. Irby, consul commander; J. I. Penny, adviser lieutenant; J. B. Leck, penny; A. R. O'Quinn, clerk; H. M. Chilcoat, escort; Matt Ohnemus, watchman; Wm. Herzog, sentry; Drs. J. W. Lackey and L. H. Pate, physicians; Will Collins, capt. degree team; E. S. Kirkpatrick, manager; two years. Joe White was initiated and a smoker was held after the regular meeting.

ARMORY.

The money for our new Armory building being now available, the Armory Board is now working on the matter of making plans and amount meet, so the building can be erected. The Board held an informal meeting early this week to discuss a future plan of action, but nothing definite has yet been decided.

It is hoped that the building can yet be put up on original plans without having to cut down in size, and this is the problem the Board is now trying to solve.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's club met Tuesday afternoon at the Woman's club room after the following program was rendered, a social event was discussed and came to a decision to accept Mrs. McCollum's invitation to meet at her home on the 28th of December, and each member of the club has the privilege of inviting one guest. The study course is very interesting and begins at 2:30. The program rendered was as follows:

Grecian Island, Mrs. Rarey. Mediterranean Island, Mrs. Halbert. Island near Scotland and England, Mrs. McCollum. Piano solo, Mrs. Ross. Islands near Africa, Mrs. Snow. Oceanic, Mrs. Dillard. Borneo, Sumatra and Java, Mrs. Hemenway. Reading, Madam Thorne. Tasmania and New Zealand, Mrs. Durham. Bermuda and the Azores, Mrs. Shannon. West Indian Archipelago, Mrs. Kocher. Duet, Mrs. Bunch and Mrs. Rackley.

"CAPTAIN BOB OF THE NATIONAL GUARD."

The above is the title of a special four-reel feature film to be shown Friday night, December 10th, for the benefit of Company "B", 1st Inf'ty, N. M. N. G., at the Peoples Theatre, special arrangements for showing this having been made with Manager Patterson, whereby all profits go to the Company fund.

This picture comes direct to Captain Dean, as it is released only to National Guard officers.

It will be interesting to young and old alike, containing a thrilling succession of military maneuvers, automobile races, dynamiting of bridges, daredevil rescues, as well as showing actual scenes from camp life of the National Guard and United States regulars.

Those appearing in the production are Major Gen. Leonard Wood, Gen. A. L. Mills, chief of the Militia Affairs, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy, and Gov. Locke Craig, of North Carolina.

Special tickets for this show will be on sale next week, and a large sale and crowded house is looked for.

FARMERS' UNION AT OTIS.

Tomorrow night the Farmers Union will have a social time at the Otis school house. Messrs. Holman and Trotter of Artesia, are going to interest the Otis school boys in a pig club. J. W. Knorr, the county agriculturist, will attend from Carlsbad. The meeting will prove an interesting one, no doubt, and all should come and encourage the boys.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE

DAY—ESPESETH.

A marriage, which came as a surprise to many of the ladies' friends, was that of Miss Ida Espeeth and Orval Day, an electrician with the Public Utilities Company, Wednesday evening. The marriage service was performed by Rev. J. T. Redmon of the Methodist church, at the parsonage, in the presence only of A. M. Hove, William Hove, Mr. and Mrs. Will Koehner and Gene Roberts.

The bride wore a becoming suit of blue and a hat of harmonizing color. Miss Espeeth has lived in Carlsbad for a number of years coming here from Iowa, and has been one of her years.

Uncle A. M. Hove's family. She is corresponding secretary for the Woman's club and a member for a number of years.

Mr. Day came here from Mineral Wells, Texas, and has been making good as an electrician.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the Bates hotel where a wedding supper was waiting. The newly weds will make their home in Carlsbad for the present, where they have a wide circle of friends that the Current joins in best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

A MEXICAN SHOOTING.

Monday night, during a baile, pulled off at the pool hall next door to the town hall, a Mexican named Gregoria Huerque was seriously wounded by Aristo Marquez, known as "Cookachic". Morales sustained a badly shattered forearm from the effects of a forty-four revolver. Morales stated that he gave the gun to "Cookie" for safe keeping, who afterward shot him with it. Both were locked up in jail at once by the officers but Morales' arm being so badly wounded he was taken to the home of a friend in San Jose. Both the Mexicans were badly under the influence of bug juice. Dr. Lackey, who treated the arm of Morales, says it is more than likely that it will be necessary to amputate it.

W. O. W. CIRCLE OFFICIALS.

Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian; Julia A. Sharp, state manager; Isabelle Powell, supreme delegate; all arrived.

Had Friday afternoon and attended the reception and banquet given by the Circle. The ladies were coming from El Paso. They had attended the Fraternal Congress in San Antonio, Texas, had stopped in Albuquerque and Roswell, and left here Friday night on the 11 o'clock train for Clovis, where they would meet with the Circle there Saturday night.

Walter Glover and John McComb came in from the ranch Friday and stayed in town over Saturday, returning home Sunday.

FOR THAT COUGH? SYRUP WHITE PINE MENTHOLATED PENSLAR

We have all the others, but we recommend the above.

WHY? because we consider it the BEST.

EDDY DRUG STORE

PENSLAR PENSLAR

COMPANY "B" TURKEY SHOOT.

About a dozen enthusiastic rifle shots gathered at the Armory again one night this week to shoot off the lone turkey Company "B" had left, and to try out Mr. Nutt's new rifle with telescopic sights.

The new rifle was voted to be a "jim-dandy" by all present, and Wilkinson and Hunsick tied for the turkey. The tie being shot off with five shots each at birds, "sight unseen" Hunsick won hands down.

Messrs. Merrifield, Taylor, Dave Beckett and J. R. Means of Hope, arrived in Carlsbad Friday evening. Messrs. Merrifield and Taylor attended the reception and banquet given by the W. O. W. Circle at the I. O. O. F. hall. After the banquet Mr. Merrifield and Mr. Taylor returned to Hope. Mr. Beckett visited with his wife, who is with Mrs. M. C. Stewart. Mrs. Beckett is her for treatment.

The Ladies' Guild, held their fair and market at Thorne's furniture store Monday a number of ladies devoting their time and talents in displaying the fancy works, candies, and other good things that were for sale. They were very much encouraged when they found they had a total of \$111, or over and a few articles unsold.

Mrs. J. W. Hughes returned from Roswell Monday where she spent a few days on business. She returned to Nadine Tuesday with friends.

BARN BURNS ON ROCKY.

Last Saturday the big barn of Mr. Deik, on Rocky, burned. No one was at home but Mrs. Deik and the little girl, Thelma. The barn was well filled with hay and grain. Mr. Deik had stored this feed for winter use, and all the saddles, plows, harness and tools were also burned. This was a heavy loss to Mr. Deik. All the men folks were gone from home and the flames were well under way when discovered.

Ralph Grandi, who has been traveling for his health for the past six months or more, came home last week Tuesday, much improved and looking well and hearty, which his many friends will be pleased to learn.

The Woman's Missionary Society was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Wm. Kocher Thursday afternoon of this week. A Thanksgiving praise service was held and thank offering given. The "Negro" was the subject to be studied, proving interesting to northern as well as southern members. The ladies voted to change the day of meeting to the fourth Thursday instead of the first Thursday of the month, also decided to send a barrel of clothing to refugee Mexicans. The ladies are always ready to help needy people at home.

L. E. Reeves was up from Blue Spring ranch Wednesday.

VILLA WANTS TO LOOT

GEN. VILLA PLANS FOR REPRISALS.

Enraged by Attitude of the United States he threatens to Raid Points on the Border, Winslow Investigating the Topolobampo Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Attributing his present situation to the failure of the United States government to support him, General Villa is planning raids on American territory along the border, according to information which has reached Major General Funston commanding the American border guard.

In reporting this to the war department today, General Funston said he could not believe General Villa actually contemplated any such hazardous undertaking, and added that he was transmitting the reports merely to show what Villa was said to be telling his followers.

General Obregon, the Carranza commander, will ask authority to transfer 5,000 men through United States territory to Naco, where they will cross the line, to attack the Villa forces. General Funston indicated that the present whereabouts of Villa's main body was still a matter of conflicting reports.

An additional machine gun platoon and four troops of cavalry have been sent to reinforce the American garrison at Naco, Ariz. General Funston said the other border garrisons are strong enough for any present emergency.

Assurances of ample protection for foreign settlers in the Yaqui Valley regions have been received from Carranza authorities by Admiral Winslow, who reported his arrival today at Topolobampo on his flagship San Diego. The Carranza commander has promised a mounted patrol of one hundred men at the entrance to the valley and to hold a force of 3,000 additional troops within easy supporting distance.

As far as known, no Americans have been injured in Indian raids.

Topolobampo, Mexico, Dec. 1.—(By radio to San Diego, Cal.)—Admiral Cameron McK. Winslow, on board the cruiser San Diego, with the expeditionary force of U. S. marines has arrived off this port. Admiral Winslow announced today his intention of making a personal investigation of conditions at the American colony at Los Mochis.

On account of unsettled conditions which have prevailed in the vicinity of Los Mochis since the raids and because American refugees said the promised adequate protection had not been afforded by the Carranza forces, the Americans here have decided not to return to Los Mochis at present.

The pumping stations for the irrigation plants, it is said, have not been guarded as promised, and as all the lands under cultivation must be irrigated the Americans said they would be subjected to great losses if the pumps are not put in operation shortly.

Incident took place Monday, between Carranza and Villa forces at a battle between San Blas, Sinaloa, and Navajon, Sonora, and the Carranza officials here have received unverified reports that 500 Villa troops were captured.

Reports just received from the interior, state that 500 Yaqui Indians raided the town of Surague Grande, Sonora, November 13, and killed, among others, John Lehr, an American citizen.

Topolobampo, Mex., Dec. 1.—(By radio to San Diego, Cal.)—In answer to signals of distress from the Mexican lighthouse at Cape Falso, Lower California, the United States cruiser Denver stopped Monday and landed large quantities of provisions for the light keepers, according to word received here today.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 1.—Considerable uncertainty prevailed today in official quarters, over the probable movement of the advance guard of General Jose Rodriguez, the Villa commander, who yesterday thrust his army between the Carranza forces at Nacozari and the border, laying Azua Prieta, the Mexican fortified town opposite here, open to a second attack.

ALMOST A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Doc McAleer came in Sunday from his Rocky Arroya well rig, and went to his home on Bryan Avenue for repairs.

On Friday he climbed the derrick to do some work, and in some unaccountable manner, lost his balance and fell a distance of more than twelve feet to the hard ground. He struck the sand wheel in his descent which made painful bruises on the left ribs, and hit the ground on his back. For several minutes he was unconscious, but finally by the efforts of others who were nearby, he regained consciousness, and says he began to figure on telling the keeper of the Pearly Gate that he was from Lakewood, and not from Kansas, as some of the attendants seemed to indicate.

He was brought home Sunday, and is now able to be around, though still pretty sore.—Lakewood Progress.

Misses Ada Gordon and Linnie Jones drove in from the ranch Friday, spent Saturday with Mrs. C. N. Jones, and returned home Sunday.

WINSTON CLEARED OF MURDER BY GALLUP JURY.

Trial Was Held Tuesday Afternoon and Night and the Verdict Was Justifiable Homicide. After the Evidence Was All Heard the Jury Was Out Few Minutes.

The jury which had been empaneled to decide the fate of Samuel G. Winston on a charge of murder of C. A. McKittick a few days ago brought in a verdict of acquittal for the defendant after being out only about a minute after they went to the jury room to decide his fate after the evidence had been given them by the court.

All of the evidence was in favor of Winston and he was acquitted on the first ballot. McKittick had repeatedly threatened his life and been refrained from doing so the morning the killing took place by his wife who stepped between him and Winston when he was trying to get a shot at Winston, who was hiding behind his horse. Winston later borrowed a six shooter from Simeon Danoff and had occasion to go back to his house for a bunch of keys, which he had forgotten in his coat pocket. McKittick had stationed himself at the Winston house and when Winston came up the two opened fire. One bullet passed through Winston's hat, McKittick fell with a bullet through his body. McKittick fired five shots and Winston four, according to the number of empty shells in the guns. One of the Phelps brothers was a witness to the shooting but was so far away that he could see only Winston when the firing opened. As Winston came up he called to McKittick that he had not come back for trouble but if anything was started he was prepared. Winston was in jail here 19 days and states that he has had all the jail he wanted, and if the occasion comes again he will move far away from all trouble to avoid a similar occurrence.

The above from the Gallup Independent, refers to the killing, an account of which was published two weeks ago in the Current.

RESCUES YOUNG WOMAN FROM A BURNING BUILDING

Archie Robertson Qualifies as a Moving Picture Star; Miss Dorothy Meyers in Leading Role; Attorney Martin a Bushman or a Chapman Superior.

Gallup Independent.

There was a rush of many people to front doors last Friday when the fire department turned out and made a daring run to the home of Mr. W. H. Morris from which smoke was boiling forth in great volumes. A number of automobiles sped to the scene and witnessed the firemen put up their ladder to reach a window in which a frantic young woman was gesticulating in a frenzy of fright. And then the spectators saw a brave young man rush in among the firemen, brush them aside and ascend the ladder with powerful agility. Arriving on the topmost round of the ladder he gathered the limp form of the young woman in his strong arms and descended. The breathless suspense of the crowd was relieved and a loud cheer greeted the act of heroism.

The hero was Mr. Arch Robertson who had just enacted the part of rescuing his "sweetheart", Miss Dorothy Meyers, from Mr. Morris' residence, the supposed home of Judge Martin; Dorothy's late father. A smudge was built beneath the window for the purpose of making a heavy smoke. The run of the fire department foiled a great many people and this added to the realism of the picture.

In the afternoon scenes were made at Hart's Hardware store and at Mayor Ketner's store where Archie and Dorothy were buying the various necessities of married life.

Thursday afternoon the young couple were married by Rector C. H. Williams of the Episcopal church, the couple later leaving in an automobile, ostensibly for New York to spend their honeymoon.

Director Burgess declares that this is the best film of any he has taken in all his series. The work of Miss Meyers is particularly pleasing to him, as she throws herself wholly into the spirit of the play with entire forgetfulness of the camera which is grinding out yards of her photographs.

Judge Martin taking the part of the late father is said to be the last word in realism and Archie Robertson is a tower of strength in his forceful and convincing love-making scenes.

The final scenes of the film were taken Saturday. It will be approximately a week before the film will be developed and ready for the screen. The Empress should play to capacity houses when the play is put on at Gallup.

CATHOLIC LADIES' BAZAAR.

The ladies of St. Edward's church held their Christmas bazaar and market Saturday at Purdy's store and felt amply repaid and truly thankful at the close of the day for the liberal patronage received. The proceeds amounting to \$110.05.

A. R. O'Quinn, clerk of the local camp, W. O. W., yesterday sent Mrs. Ida S. Hines, of Pecos, Texas, the widow of John R. Hines, a draft for \$3,000 the sum for which Mr. Hines was insured in the Woodmen.